

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: RURAL IOWA INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION AND IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION; ALPINE COMMUNICATIONS, L.C., ET AL.; AND COON VALLEY COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC., ET AL.	DOCKET NOS. SPU-04-3 SPU-04-5 SPU-04-6
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

(Issued August 4, 2004)

On July 23, 2004, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an "Order Requesting Additional Information" wherein the Board requested, among other things, that the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association (RIITA) and Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA) submit individualized cost information for its petitioning members on or before July 30, 2004. Specifically, the Board requested that RIITA and ITA file as much of the required information as possible by July 30, along with a schedule for submitting the remaining information.

On July 30, 2004, RIITA and ITA filed a response with the Board pursuant to the Board's July 23, 2004, order, wherein RIITA and ITA requested additional time to file the required information. In support of their request, RIITA and ITA state that due to the size of their memberships, it is difficult to obtain and provide the cost information for more than 130 company members within the time frame allowed by

the Board. RIITA and ITA also state that many of their company members have hired outside consulting firms to compile the specific cost information and that those consultants have assured RIITA and ITA that the information requested by the Board can be provided on or before August 6, 2004. RIITA and ITA seek an extension until August 6, 2004, to provide the Board with the requested information.

The Board has reviewed the joint response and request submitted by RIITA and ITA and finds that their request is reasonable. The Board will grant the request for additional time until August 6, 2004, to submit the information requested by the Board in its July 23, 2004, order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for additional time filed jointly by the Rural Iowa Independent Telephone Association and Iowa Telecommunications Association on July 30, 2004, is granted and the information requested by the Board's July 23, 2004, order shall be filed on or before August 6, 2004.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 4th day of August, 2004.